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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT KENYA WILDLIFE
LAWS

1. THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE KENYA LAWS REGULATING THE HUNTING OF ELEPHANTS AND THE EXPORT OF ELEPHANT IVORY. SPECIFICALLY, USFWS REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) IS THE HUNTING OF ELEPHANTS LEGAL UNDER GOK LAW? IF SO, UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS? (B) WHAT ARE THE GOK REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE EXPORT OF ELEPHANT TUSKS? (C) IS ANY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GOK LAW CONTROLLING THE NUMBER OF TUSKS WHICH MAY BE EXPORTED BY ONE INDIVIDUAL? (D) MAY AN INDIVIDUAL PURCHASE ELEPHANT TUSKS FOR EXPORT, OR IS EXPORT RESTRICTED TO TROPHY HUNTERS? (E) MAY A HUNTER TAKE MORE THAN ONE ELEPHANT PER YEAR?

2. USFWS ADVISES THAT IF AMCITS IMPORT INTO THE U.S. WILDLIFE WHICH WAS TAKEN, TRANSPORTED OR SOLD IN VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF KENYA (OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY), THEN THE LACEY
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ACT (18 USC 43) MAY BE VIOLATED, HENCE USFWS INTEREST IN

KENYA LAW.

3. IN REPLY PLEASE USE CAPTION: FOR INTERIOR DEPARTMENT,
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, T. L.
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